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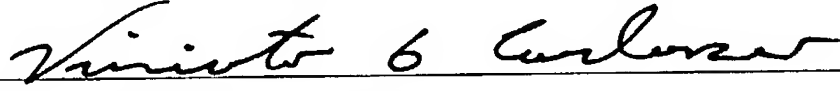
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Viriato G. CardosoPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as requested below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph at line 1 of page 1 of the specification, after the title:

-- **Related Applications**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/313,097, filed on August 16, 2001 and to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/327,485, filed on October 5, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.--

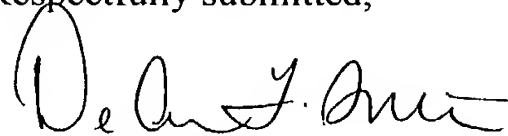
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to include a reference to priority applications at line 1, page 1 of the specification. *No new matter has been added.*

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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